

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Occupational Therapists \(29-1122\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Occupational Therapy Aides \(31-2012\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87

**Focus Occupation:** Occupational Therapists (29-1122)  
**Associated Occupation:** Occupational Therapy Aides (31-2012)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Education and Training	9.2	13.4	17.7	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Psychology	6.4	11.4	17.7	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	11.4	16.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	8.9	9.3	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Biology	3.7	7.9	6.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 94

**Focus Occupation:** Occupational Therapists (29-1122)  
**Associated Occupation:** Occupational Therapy Aides (31-2012)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	12.3	13.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	12.0	12.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	11.5	11.7	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Persuasion	7.4	8.6	9.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

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Associated Occupation: Occupational Therapy Aides (31-2012)

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Oral Expression	12.4	13.3	14.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	12.8	14.3	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	11.6	14.0	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	10.6	11.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Written Expression	9.8	10.2	12.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	10.1	11.3	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Static Strength	5.0	10.0	5.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Extent Flexibility	4.8	7.9	5.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	7.6	5.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	6.6	3.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86

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Associated Occupation: Occupational Therapy Aides (31-2012)

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Evaluate patient's skills or capacities	87
Follow dental or medical office procedures	68
Instruct patient in home programs or basic living skills	95
Observe patient condition	48
Plan therapy treatment program	77
Position patient for therapy	70
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 80

**Focus Occupation: Occupational Therapists (29-1122)**  
**Associated Occupation: Occupational Therapy Aides (31-2012)**

<b>Tools and Technologies</b>	<b>Exclusivity</b>
Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27
Casting and splinting supplies	25
Communication aids for the physically challenged	29
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Cutting and crimping and punching tools	3
Data management and query software	1
Eating and drinking and food preparation aids for the physically challenged	90
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Gait training products	43
Industry specific software	1
Other domestic household appliances	62
Patient transport products	18
Power tools	2
Rehabilitation exercise devices and equipment	24
Rough and finishing tools	5
Sewing and stitchery and weaving equipment and accessories	80

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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